



**SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

CCPC Members Present: Karen Alden, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, David Fleishman, Elizabeth Foster, Karen Haas-Foletta, Heather Hopkins, Christine Padilla, Jenifer Pifeleti, Sarah Poulain, Christine Thorsteinson, Guillermo Vasquez

CCPC Members Absent: Heather Cleary, Chery Oku, Jennifer Rogers, Elizabeth Scully, Lisa Zimiga

CCPC Co-chairs Present: County Superintendent Nancy Magee, Supervisor Dave Pine

Staff: Sarah Kinahan/Ian Johnson

Minutes: Ian Johnson

1. Call to Order

A quorum was present. Supervisor Dave Pine called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. Action to Set Agenda for September 20, 2021 & Action to Approve the Minutes for the CCPC General Meeting, June 21, 2021 and the CCPC Special Meeting, July 8, 2021

MOTION: POULAIN/ **SECOND:** PADILLA

AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): Karen Alden, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, David Fleishman, Elizabeth Foster, Karen Haas-Foletta, Heather Hopkins, Superintendent Nancy Magee, Christine Padilla, Jenifer Pifeleti, Supervisor Dave Pine, Sarah Poulain, Christine Thorsteinson, Guillermo Vasquez

NOES: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

MOTION APPROVED.

3. Public Comment

Alyce Desrosiers introduced herself as the founder and executive director of the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, The Institute for Families and Nannies, whose mission is to establish recognized standards of care for the nanny industry, and best practices to support families and nannies to provide quality child care.

4. Appointment of New Members

Supervisor Dave Pine began by thanking and recognizing the service of Sarah Poulain. Sarah is the outgoing Executive Director for Family Connections, and has served on CCPC since 2013. Her term ends September 30, she is currently in the process of relocating to Colorado with her family. Her leadership at Family Connections, and before that at StarVista, will be very missed.

Supervisor Dave Pine also showed appreciation to six current CCPC members (Jennifer Pifeleti, Elizabeth Foster, Karen Haas-Foletta, Lisa Zimiga, Christine Padilla, and Heather Cleary) who have agreed to serve another term on the Council.

Supervisor Dave Pine announced the appointment of four new members whose terms will begin October 1, 2021:

- Valerie Higgins, will represent the child care consumer category. Valerie is a mother of four, a child care provider and a Parent Voices San Mateo leader.
- Alice Kuo, will represent the child care consumer category. Alice has a child in preschool, and is also a family child care provider



- Karen Pace, will fill the community representative category. Karen is a consultant working in San Mateo County with a number of early learning and education organizations. She has a background in strategic planning and communications.
- Tal Tamir, will represent the child care provider category. Tal is the Director of Operations for Newton Children’s Learning Center – an organization that provides school age care at multiple locations in San Mateo County.

5. Coordinator’s Report

Sarah Kinahan reviewed highlights from the Coordinator’s report (Attachment #2 in the September 20, 2021 meeting packet).

6. Planning for the 2022 Needs Assessment

Sarah Kinahan provided an overview of the timeline for updating the Child Care Needs Assessment and CCPC Strategy Plan. The purpose of the Needs Assessment is to inform priority setting and community planning on how to use resources to support childcare and early learning in our county. The Needs Assessment is required to be conducted every five years, and was most recently conducted in 2017. This assessment is also used to adjust and refine the CCPC Strategic Plan. Following the completion of the Needs Assessment (Spring 2022), the CCPC will begin reviewing and revising the strategic plan, and the subcommittee work plans.

The Needs Assessment must include child care supply and demand data for children birth to age 12 for families of all income levels, as well as those who would qualify for subsidies. The CCPC is tasked with looking at the needs of different subgroups of children including children with disabilities, children subject to abuse or neglect, families receiving public assistance, children in migrant agricultural families, and dual language learners. The last requirement of the Needs Assessment is understanding the cost of care in our county. A great thanks to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for providing a grant to fund a consultant to prepare the Needs Assessment. This assessment will also focus on collecting original focus group data from parents and providers; in particular, the CCPC would like to highlight the issues family child care providers are experiencing, the shortage of early child care workers, wages and benefits for people working in this industry, the basic characteristics of families in the county, and a summary of recent data and research that has been done in our field.

During the discussion on this agenda item, it was suggested that CCPC review the low enrollment in Title V programs and how the pandemic has affected the demand for child care among families.

If anyone has recommendations of an individual or a firm who could complete the Needs Assessment, please contact Sarah Kinahan (skinahan@smcoe.org). CCPC would also like to have an ad hoc committee to aid in the completion of this report. This group would meet monthly for a period of six months. If you have any additional feedback on the content of the Needs Assessment, or would like to participate in the ad hoc committee please contact Sarah Kinahan (skinahan@smcoe.org).

7. Committees’ Reports

The chairs for the Leadership and Impact, Quality, Workforce, and Access Committees provided brief updates on committee work.

- For Committee Agenda and Meeting Minutes, please visit: <https://www.smcoe.org/about/child-care-partnership-council/agendas-and-minutes.html>

8. Adjournment

Supervisor Dave Pine adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.



The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Links shared during this meeting

Foothill College – Child Development - Nanny and Family Studies

<https://foothill.edu/childdevelopment/nanny.html>

San Mateo County Economic Recovery Roundtable Series: Fostering Economic Resilience: Meeting Worker Needs for Childcare, Housing, and Other Essentials

<https://www.samceda.org/san-mateo-county-economic-recovery-roundtable-series-fostering-economic-resilience-meeting-worker>

California Department of Education - Centralized Eligibility List

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/cdcelbackground.asp>

The San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Teacher Stipend Program

<https://www.smcoe.org/about/child-care-partnership-council/teacher-stipend-program.html>